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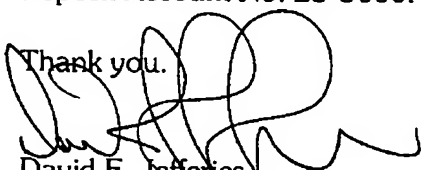
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Attached please find Response to Office Action and Amendment, and Terminal Disclaimer. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a), Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time of one (1) month from the original response date of January 5, 2005 for responding in the above-identified patent application. With the extension of time, the period for response now extends up to and includes February 5, 2005.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-3000 in the amount of \$250.00, representing the extension of time large entity status fee (\$120.00) and the terminal disclaimer large entity status fee (\$130.00). No additional fee is believed due herefor, but if one is due, the Office is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

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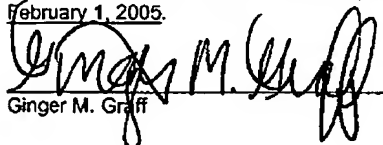
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated October 5, 2004, in the above-identified application. In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.